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Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention the fact that no one of the priests and religious members of the Diocese of Dili - ET will take part in the "Penataran P-4 Pola Pembekalan 45 Jam", the seminar on the principles of pancasila for the religious members of ET.

Reason:

as a sign of solidarity with Fr. Walter van Wouwe, SDB, parish priest in Lospalos - Lautem who was brutally beaten on June 27 by two members of ABRI - the Indonesian Army - in Lautem

Our refusal to participate in the above mentioned seminar is strong and deep protest against the brutal and inhuman behaviour that continues to occur and

which places all priests in a disgraceful situation.

What is the use of going on talking about Pancasila, while priests who have given themselves to the moral and material support of the people of ET are not considered and their mission is not being appreciated; On the contrary, they are suspected threatened and even cruelly beaten?

Hereby I would like to stress that both this year and in the coming years, priests and all religion members will not participate in the Pancasila seminar if the authority in charge ~~doesn't~~ does not take a positive measure in order to make clear that there will be respect and freedom for all religion members, of the priests and missionaries.

Before closing I would like to take the opportunity to renew my greetings,

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Apostolic Administrator